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Today's weather: Light variable, mainly southeasterly winds; cloudy, with scattered drizzle and fog patches in approach.
Noon Observations: Barometric pressure, 1013.2 mbs., 29.82 in. Temperature, 75.5 deg. F. Dew point, 70 deg. F. Relative humidity, 84. Wind direction, West. Wind force, 3 knots. High water: 7 ft. 1 in. at 6.11 p.m. Low water: 0 ft. 1 in. at 2.10 a.m. (Saturday).

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China's New Premier

HO YING-CHIN
ACCEPTS JOB

Nanking, Mar. 11.—General Ho Ying-chin, former Minister of National Defence, late last night accepted nomination as Nationalist China's new Premier, succeeding Mr. Sun Fo, it was authoritatively learned this morning.

Acting President Li Tsung-jen will later today inform the Legislative Yuan of General Ho's acceptance and will ask the Yuan to confirm the appointment.

General Ho is now expected to return to Nanking from Hangchow sometime today or tomorrow to begin the process of Cabinet formation.

This development occurred a few hours after the return to Nanking of General Chang Chih-chung, the Acting President's first supporter, who came back by air from Chikow, near Fengshan, where he had been in contact with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

CHIANG APPROVES

Reuter understood that the Generalissimo had approved General Ho Ying-chin's appointment as the nation's new peace Premier in succession to Mr. Sun Fo.

General Chang Chih-chung confirmed to Reuters that General Ho had accepted the nomination as the new Premier in a long telephone conversation from Hangchow.

The task of his Cabinet will be to expedite the search for peace with the Chinese Communists and implement the sweeping social reforms promulgated by acting President Li Tsung-jen.

General Ho, leader of the important Whompo Military Academy clique of the Kuomintang, served for a time at Lake Success as China's representative on the United Nations Military Committee.

He is known to favour the Socialist policies of the British Labour Party and observers here expect him to apply these principles to the reform programme of his new Cabinet.

Reuter-AAP.



GEN. HO YING-CHIN

Tough Time For Troops In Malaya

London, Mar. 10.—The British troops in Malaya were fighting in conditions "as bad as can be experienced anywhere," but they were performing their tasks with "great vigour," Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, told the House of Commons today.

Mr. Shinwell was introducing the Army Estimates. He began by saying that additional responsibilities imposed on the Army had prevented the change from a wartime to a peacetime organisation being as smooth as was desired.

He then referred to Malaya: "In June, 1948, the civil authorities in Malaya, faced with a campaign to overthrow the administration and to dislocate the economic life of the country, asked the Army to assist in maintaining order," he said.

SYSTEMATIC MURDER

"Some thousands of well-armed Chinese, operating from bases deep in the jungle, were following a systematic policy of murder and intimidation, together with the destruction of buildings, machinery and rubber plantations."

"Since June, in addition to the 4th Hussars and other reinforcements, the Guards Brigade has been sent from the United Kingdom. It was naturally some time before reinforcements could be acclimatised but they are now operating with much efficiency against an enemy who is favoured with every military factor, except that of equipment and supply."

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JEWISH TROOPS REACH RED SEA COAST

Second Force Driving Down Negev Valley

Amman, Mar. 10.—A Jewish force, reported last night to be advancing through the South Palestine Negev desert towards the Transjordan frontier, has now established itself on the Red Sea coast, it was learned from usually reliable quarters here today.

It was stated to be digging in and waiting to link up with a larger force advancing along the Wadi Araba. This force, these sources added, which include heavy tanks, was driving south down the Araba Valley in the Eastern Negev area of Southern Palestine close to the Transjordan frontier.

The latest reports received by the Transjordan Defence Ministry said the Jewish armoured force had been repulsed by the Transjordan Arab Legion in fighting today. This fight was said to be taking place at Gharandal, to the south of Ghamma, 30 miles north of Akaba, where the Arab Legion barred the way of the Jewish column.

At Ghamma, a Jewish detachment from their main column was authoritatively stated to have penetrated eight kilometres into Transjordan territory yesterday, reaching El Risha Plain.

The Jewish units tried to cut off an Arab Legion outpost which gave battle. Arab Legion sources said the Jewish armoured brigade comprised several heavy tanks carrying .75-mm guns, besides heavy armoured vehicles of various types.

According to authoritative sources in the capital tonight, the small Israeli force on the Gulf of Akaba consists of men on motor cycles and in jeeps. They have reached Umur Reshresh, on the coast about three miles in a direct line from Akaba.

Umur Reshresh lies on the road linking Akaba and Egypt, and it is believed in Amman that if the Israelis consolidate their positions there, the British force—the "Oulton" Force—in Akaba will be cut off from its headquarters in Egypt except by sea.

Arab Legion sources said it has been established that the Jewish plan was to reach the Gulf of Akaba. The forces entrusted with the task followed the Wadi Araba, a continuation of the Dead Sea declivity, which forms a natural boundary between Palestine and Transjordan.

The Transjordan Government, it was stated authoritatively here, claimed to control the Southern Palestine district of the Negev. This triangle had its apex at the point of Akaba and a base 70 kilometres inland, stretching from Ghamma to the Egyptian-Palestine frontier to the west.

It was stated authoritatively here that intense Israeli patrol activity had been noticed inside the South Negev wedge—less than 10 miles broad on the shores of the Gulf of Akaba—since February 25.

On February 27, one patrol was engaged in a light skirmish with Legionnaires. The South Palestine Negev wedge, from which the Israeli troop movements were reported, rests on the shores of the Gulf. Within a 15-mile circuit along the Gulf's coastline lie the frontiers of four countries—Egypt, Palestine, Transjordan and Saudi Arabia.

Israel has been credited with plans to build a port on the Gulf, which would give her an outlet to the Red Sea.

Under the recent Israeli-Egyptian armistice, a north-south line was drawn through the Negev. West of this line, as far as the Egyptian frontier, the Israelis were given freedom of civilian movement, but agreed to limit their military forces.

It is to the east of the line, in territory not covered by this armistice, that Israeli forces were reported to be on the move.

NO ALTERNATIVE
The Transjordan Government was understood to have been keeping the Palestine truce observers informed.

Well-informed sources in Amman said Jewish units were entrenched at Ras Negev, shown on the map as Egyptian territory. A Jewish force advancing along the Sinai Desert fringe had no alternative but to cross Egyptian territory, it was stated.

Their course would be dictated by the terrain. It was not clear here whether the Egyptian Government would regard the Jewish action as a violation of the recently concluded Rhodes armistice.

It was noted here that none of today's denials from Tel-Aviv contradicted reports that Israeli troops had been moving south through the Negev to the Palestinian coast.

The denials were confined to stating that the Transjordan frontier had not been crossed at any point and that no clashes with King Abdullah's Arab Legion had taken place.

At Buenos Aires, Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting United Nations Mediator for Palestine, announced tonight that he had received no official reports from his staff in Palestine on the reported Israeli advance towards the Transjordan port of Akaba.

He said he had asked United Nations observers to check and report to him.—Reuter.

BUDGET DAY, APRIL 6
London, Mar. 10.—Britain's Budget Day is to be on April 6, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Lord President of the Council, announced in Parliament today.—Reuter.

Smuts' Party Winning S. African Elections

Pretoria, Mar. 10.—The Nationalist Party of the Prime Minister, Mr. D. F. Malan, had secured only 48 seats in the South African provincial elections up to 5 p.m. local time today against 70 to the United Party of Field Marshal Jan Smuts.

Details: Transvaal (66 seats): United Party 26, Nationalists 18, Labour 2, Independent 2. Natal (25 seats): United Party 21, Independent 1.

Free State (25 seats): Nationalists 22, United Party 1.

Cape Province (55 seats): United Party 22, Nationalists 8, Labour 1.

The remaining results still to come in are from rural areas where the Nationalists are strong.—Associated Press.

Mother-In-Law Listens-In To Triple Slaying

New York, Mar. 10.—Detectives reconstructed today the fatal love triangle shooting in which a sea-going husband killed his wife, her lover and himself while his mother-in-law listened in on a Hollywood telephone 3,000 miles away.

The shooting occurred in the lavish London Terrace apartment of David Whittaker, 35, assistant to the President of the Universal Camera Corporation. The victims of the tragedy were Whittaker, Mrs. Norma Holt, 30, secretary to the President of Universal Camera, and her husband, Emory, 35, chief engineer in the Merchant Marine.

The police learned of the shooting which took place at 9.30 last night when they received a phone call from Mrs. Otto Githens, wife of the camera company's President. Mrs. Githens had been told of the shooting by Mrs. Elsie Thomas of Hollywood, mother of Mrs. Holt.

Mrs. Thomas heard the shooting by long distance from her home. The detectives found three bodies. The neighbours heard no disturbance because exclusive apartments in the building are sound-proofed.

Mrs. Holt's body, clad in a silk print blouse and a dark blue skirt, lay on a sofa with a bullet in her head and another in her left breast. Mrs. Thomas said she received a telephone call from Whittaker shortly before 9.30 p.m. Before he could say more than an ordinary greeting Holt broke in on the call. She explained, "Emory got on the phone and said, 'Mama, please forgive me. I knew that he and Norma had been planning to get a divorce and I was afraid that he might do something violent. I pleaded with him but he said, 'It's too late, mama.' Then I heard three shots ring out. I dropped the phone and fell over in hysterics."

The detectives said that Whittaker arrived at his apartment at about 8.15 p.m. The Holt couple arrived half an hour later. Holt apparently was determined to have a showdown over the divorce which he and his wife were planning.

In Holt's apartment in an exclusive Brooklyn section, the detectives found a suicide note left by the husband which said, "In the event of death, cremate me and scatter my ashes on the sands so they can be carried out to the sea."—United Press.

RUSSIAN WHEAT FOR WORLD

Washington, Mar. 10.—Russia will provide 50 million bushels of the annual 505 million bushels of wheat to be supplied by exporting countries under a proposed new international wheat agreement, according to reliable information here today.

Russia had asked for a share of one-fifth in the world's wheat exports in earlier negotiations. There was no explanation how she had been persuaded to accept half that amount.—Reuter.

"Axis Sally" Guilty Of Treason

Russian Indicted By Grand Jury

Washington, Mar. 10.—The Federal Court jury today found Mildred "Axis Sally" Gillars guilty of treason for making wartime propaganda broadcasts for the Nazis.

The 48-year-old Maine-born actress faces a sentence ranging from five years' imprisonment and US\$10,000 fine to death.

The jury of seven men and five women reached the verdict 28 hours 23 minutes after they began deliberations.

The defence immediately announced it would appeal. It has five days in which to ask for a new trial. If the judge, Mr. Edward Curran, denies the motion, he can pass sentence at his convenience.

The silvery-haired defendant listened with head erect and no show of emotion as the word "guilty" rang out in the courtroom.

The jury decided that she "willfully" betrayed her country when she took part in a broadcast from Germany, entitled "Vision of Invasion," in May 1944, describing the horrors awaiting invaders.

Other overt acts with which she was charged were ignored by the jury.—United Press.

TO STAND TRIAL

New York, Mar. 10.—A Federal Grand Jury today returned espionage indictments against Judith Coplon, 27-year-old Department of Justice employee, and Valentine A. Gubitchev, 32-year-old Russian engineer employed by the United Nations.

They are indicted on four counts. One count said Miss Coplon delivered to Gubitchev information relating to national defence, including intelligence reports relating to espionage and counter-espionage activities in the United States.

Gubitchev and Miss Coplon were arrested here last Friday night after Federal Bureau of Investigation agents had trailed them through New York streets.

Gubitchev was suspended from his United Nations post last Saturday. United Nations officials said he did not possess diplomatic immunity although Soviet officials have unsuccessfully demanded his release.

The action of the Grand Jury means the case will now go for trial.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

India Is Making A Mistake

PANDIT Nehru's announcement that India's withdrawal from the British Commonwealth is only a few months away was not entirely unexpected. Despite the flowery talk of old ties and future co-operation which followed the creation of the two new Dominions of India and Pakistan, it has always been plain that nothing less than complete independence would satisfy the intensely nationalistic Indian leaders. Mr. Nehru said in his announcement of the new Republic that India was cutting herself free to play the role of world peace-maker. An India free of outside alliances and obligations, he said, could best serve the world, as a meeting place for East and West. However, the timing of Mr. Nehru's announcement, coming as it does against a background of growing discontent and revolution in Asia, seems unwise. Indeed, it suggests that he has been influenced more by an urge to see India established as the leader of the Asian countries than by a desire to avert a third world war. The revolutionary movements in Asia—from China south to Indonesia, in Burma and Malaya—are changing the strategic map of the world. The spread of Communism among the Asian millions is recognised as one of the main dangers facing the West—not to mention India herself. In these circumstances it would seem that, both from the point of view of averting another war, and from safeguarding her own independence, India should be strengthening, rather than weakening, her links with the West. In fact, many observers have seen the two recent meetings in Delhi—on Indonesia and Burma—as an attempt by India to take the lead in a closer association of

West and East to solve the problems by which both are jointly faced. With Communists in the leadership, or striving towards it, throughout Asia, this alliance of West and East becomes essential. Britain, by virtue of her "lifeline" routes through the Indian Ocean and the South China seas to Australia, New Zealand, and the rich reservoir of Malaya, is intimately affected by the trend of Communism in the Far East. Holland, too, and France depend to a great extent upon their supplies from this area. Any further Red successes in Asia may well wreck the chances of European recovery, upon which, it is acknowledged, the future of the world depends. India herself now faces the rumblings of Communist discontent within her own borders, and with the example of Burma so fresh in Mr. Nehru's mind his decision to cut India's ties with the West seems even more strange. The course of events makes India, whether Mr. Nehru likes it or not, the West's main ally in the East. The Western Powers are faced with the necessity for reaching new agreements with the countries which are still free of the Communist menace, and with the Governments in those countries which are fighting it. The realisation is growing that the Western Powers can no longer stand in the way of genuine nationalism in the East. Britain's withdrawal from India, it was thought at the time, would go a long way to proving her good faith. But Mr. Nehru is apparently not satisfied. It would be a pity if his ultra-nationalism were allowed to sabotage an alliance of West and East to combat the growing incursions of Communism.

The police acted on a tip that two men, resembling the train robbers, had been seen. The wounded man was taken to hospital, his companion to a police station.

The pawnshop is situated about five streets away from the White House.

The police reported that the two men had confessed to taking part in the robbery. Two armed men held up the Baltimore-Ohio Express in the woods of the Cumberland Mountains near Martinsburg. The robbery was carried out like a holdup of the "bad old frontier days."

A police officer said the two men were 23-year-old Lucas Ramsdell, and 21-year-old George Llewellyn Ashton, both of Youngstown, Ohio.

IN CRITICAL CONDITION

He said a policeman fired when Ramsdell shot him in the stomach. There were captured 15 hours after the robbery, in which they escaped with more than \$1,000.

Detectives said they found several hundred dollars in the men's pockets. Ramsdell's condition is reported to be "critical."

Boarding the express as ordinary passengers, the two ordered the crew to pull into a siding and went to every compartment, forcing many of the 150 passengers to their knees as they stripped them of jewels and money at gunpoint. They climbed out the pockets of the engine crew before leaving the train and then descended on a nightclub in a nearby town, robbed the guests and got away in stolen cars.—Reuter.

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one to open the fullness flat for easy ironing after the
laundry wash.

Margaret Newman

Girl Discovers Berlin Airlift Exciting

By Alma DeLuce

BERLIN. "No seat belts here," said
Engineer Eichenlaub, "just hold
on."
Before I knew it, we were in
the air. Dense fog streamed
past the port-hole window. Then
sunshine came pouring in. We
were up 500 feet and it was
quite clear.

The woods around the
Rhein-Main airport looked
like a setting for "The Snow
Maiden." The C-54's were
zooming off into the mist
like streetcars passing a
downtown street corner.
One every four or five
minutes.

Changed into overalls, I
climbed up an eight-foot ladder
and into my ship. Flight En-
gineer L. E. Eichenlaub, of Mt.
Vernon, Washington, took my
hat-box and week-end bag up
past the dusty piles of flour
sacks to the crew compartment.

I sat on the lower bunk in
what the crew call their bed-
room, just behind the radio
controls. It was strewn with
parachutes and other gear.

"They tell us that if the ceil-
ing is less than 500 feet, the
landing is done at a pilot's own
discretion," he said. "My own
limit is 400 feet. As far as I'm
concerned, there are always
three VIPs aboard—me, my co-
pilot and my engineer. We're
all very important persons. If
it's less than 400, we'll go over to
Fassberg, in the British Zone.
That flour sack there is worth
only a minimum risk."

Over Fulda, I was given a
chance to broadcast our identifi-
cation and position signal to a
ground station.
"It makes a nice change to
hear a woman's voice on our
communications system," Lieu-
tenant Kimmons said.
I'd barely concluded the signal
with "Roger!" when a baritone

"The pilot pulled the nose up
for just a moment. GCA okayed
it. Then we plunged downward
again."

He touched the runway with-
out the slightest perceptible jar.
The co-pilot strained at the
brakes to shorten our run. We
curved off to a side strip in the
wake of a yellow jeep marked
"Follow me."

The engineer pushed open the
rear door. An army truck
swarming with German work-
men plus a couple of military
police backed up in a drizzling
rain.

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Operation Vittles was through
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Is Your Figure Fashionable?



To slim the thighs, says Movie Star Phillips Coates, gradually lower
yourself to this position. Then return to erect position, breathing
deeply as you do so.

By HELEN FOLLETT

LET a woman be round,
but of a slender roundness.
If she would have a smart
figure, neither over-curve
nor bones are what the fashion
designers order. Normal weight
and measurements make for
health and well being. The
heavyweights and the bantam-
weights should keep that fact
in mind.

The woman who has taken
off excess tonnage finds that
roundness and energy are
synonymous. With less weight
to lug around, she is stirred
with ambition, and exercise is
not the horror that it once was.
And, is she critical of her
round sisters who love their
food and leisurely lives too
much to change? She is!

Changes in fashion are the
products of the times. With
women more active in all
fields of endeavour, efficiency is
an outstanding characteristic.
Clothes are easy to get into, they
are designed for comfort. The
woman with a slender frame
has no difficulty in finding
cute duds, but the poor plump

lady isn't so lucky, especially
if her adipose upholstery is
not evenly distributed; it may
all be above the waist line or
all below.

It is senseless not to make
an effort to normalise. Torso
twisting exercises will tighten
up slack abdominal muscles.
Rolling on the floor will
reduce the hips. Swinging
Indian clubs will take inches
off of over-developed arms.

The curves of fashion are not
made of fat; they are made
of pretty draperies. We will
never return to the plump,
placid beauty that was popular
a generation or two ago.

The woman who understands
what is meant by a balanced
diet, and practices it, is the one
who is going to retain the
youthful silhouette all her
life long. Too much fat, sweets
and starches will build ad-
ipose cushions; a lack of these
food elements will bring about
an appearance of emaciation.
How you look depends to a
certain extent upon what you
eat and how much.

YOUR next speaking engage-
ment is at Leisure
House," said our host, as he
whisked us from a broadcast to
a neat white-trimmed brick
building facing an attractive
court yard in the heart of
Tampa. This is a branch of
our electric company where
they conduct classes for home-
makers. I'm sure you'll find it
interesting.

We entered a pleasant ante-
room decorated in soft, light
green and opening directly in-
to the all-electric kitchen—the
efficient white and chromium
equipment gleaming against
walls decorated in the most
unusual way—the upper half
done in cheerful yellow, the
lower in bluish purple—a dif-
ferent and intriguing kitchen
colour scheme. Fluorescent
lights in the ceiling and direct-
ly above the range, sink, and
under the white enameled
metal storage cabinets, gave
clear illumination that was
restful at the same time. The
floor was covered in light
gray-green linoleum.

Glass Windows
"What a wonderful range!"
exclaimed the Chef. "It even
has a glass window in the
broiler compartment. And see
the nice little auditorium.
Madame. The decor reminds me
of Paris. You can see it through
the connecting door."

The auditorium was square-
shaped, with light pink walls,
a huge mosaic panel with a
tropical scene on one side, and
on a raised platform at one
end, a second electric kitchen.
"Evidently for the demon-
strations," remarked the Chef.

The big room was filled with
homemaker students, seated at
long tables, waiting for the de-
monstration to start. The sub-

ject was "Party Sweets and
Confections." I thought you'd
all like to have the recipes for
your parties. Here they are,
with the kind permission of the
director of Leisure House. All
measurements level, of course.

Scotch Shortbread
Work 1 c. butter or margarine
with a spoon until fluffy and
creamy; add 1/2 c. confectioner's
sugar gradually, continuing to
work with a spoon until light.
Stir in 2 c. flour, 1/4 tsp. baking
powder, and 1/4 tsp. salt sifted
together. Chill until easy to
handle; then roll and pat the
dough on a floured board to
1/4 in. thickness. Cut in desired
shapes, and arrange on un-
greased cookie sheets. Bake in
a moderate oven, 350° F. for
20-25 min., or until delicately
brown. A mixture of cinnam-
on and sugar may be sprink-
led on top of the cookies before
baking. Makes 28 (2 in.)
rounds.

Pecan Balls
Combine 1 c. fine-rolled
vanilla wafers, 1 c. fine-chopped
pecans, 1 c. (4X) sugar, 1/2 c.
white corn syrup, 1/4 tsp. cocoa,
1 tsp. orange rind and 1/4 c.
orange juice. Shape by hand
into small balls. Roll in (4X)
sugar, and add a few hrs.
Just before serving, roll again.
Makes about 60 balls.

Never-Fail Fudge
Mix 6 tbsps. cocoa, 2 c. sugar,
1 c. milk, and 1 tbsps. butter or
margarine. Cook until 1/4 tsp.,
when dropped in cold water,
forms a soft ball. Add 1 tsp.
vanilla and beat slightly. Add
1 small pkg. quartered
marshmallows; stir until melted.
Add 2 c. fine crushed graham
crackers. Pour into a buttered
pan 7" x 11". Half cool and cut
in inch squares.

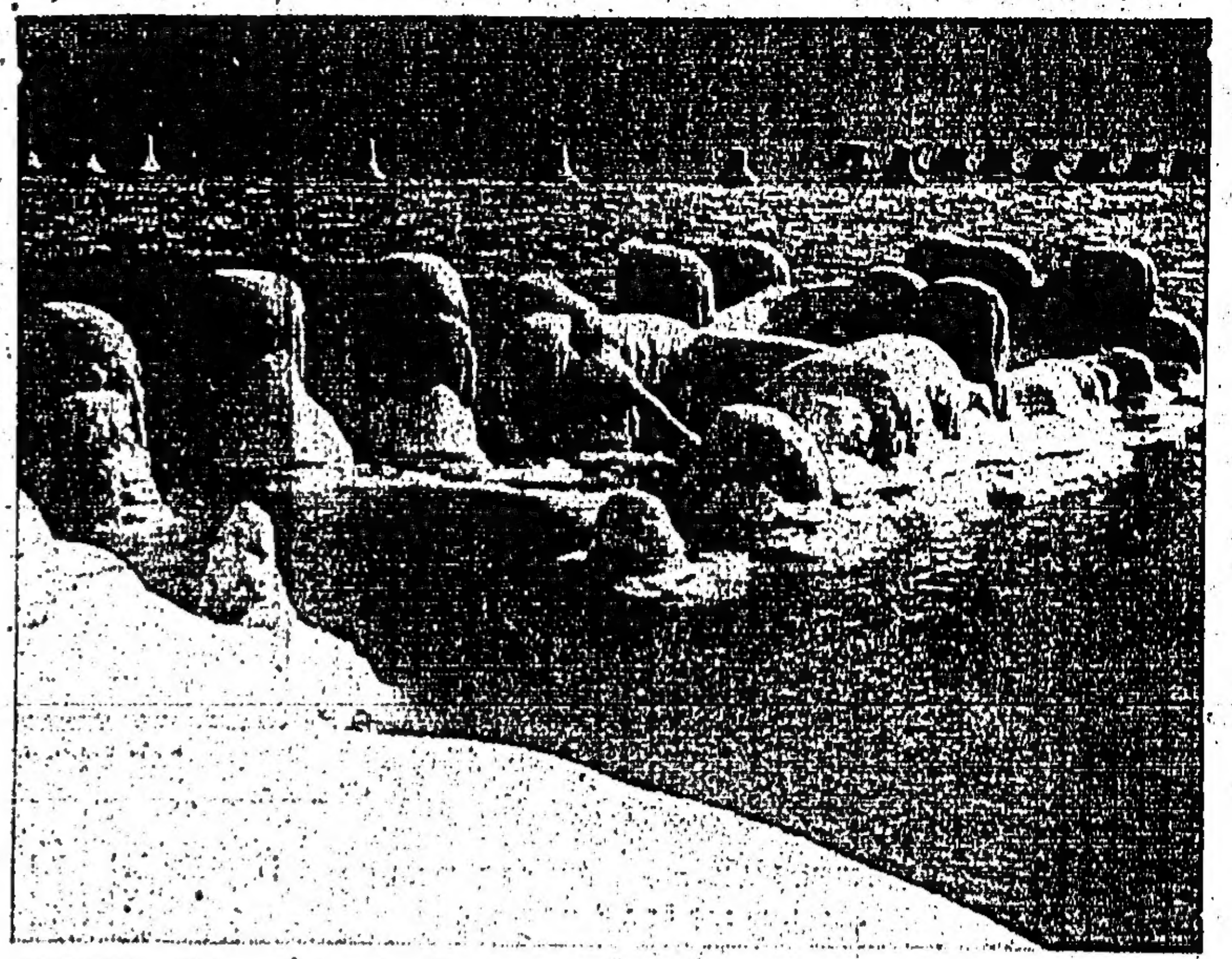
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



DOG BREEDER—Charles F. Stack, Jr., arrives in New York aboard the liner America with two pure white German police dogs which will be sent to Boston. To the owner's knowledge, they are the only two of their kind in the world.



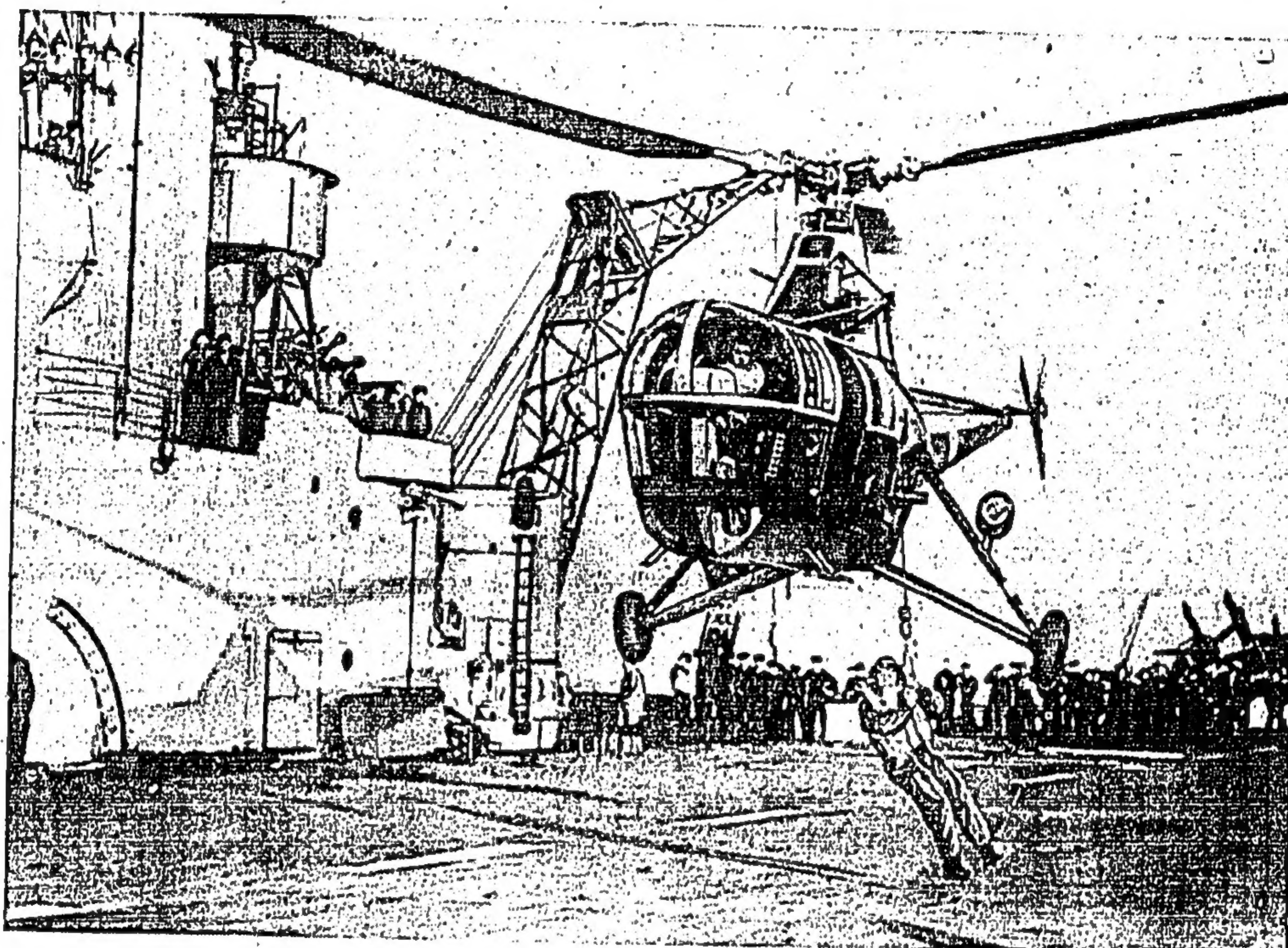
MUDDLED WORLD—One of the thousands of refugees from North China now living on sampans on Shanghai's Soochow Creek lights a stove to cook for her family. The men and children have gone ashore to work.



BBBBRR!—Chicago's beaches look something like this nowadays. But pretty girls will sit on these pillings next summer as other swimmers splash around them with no thought of such weather as this.



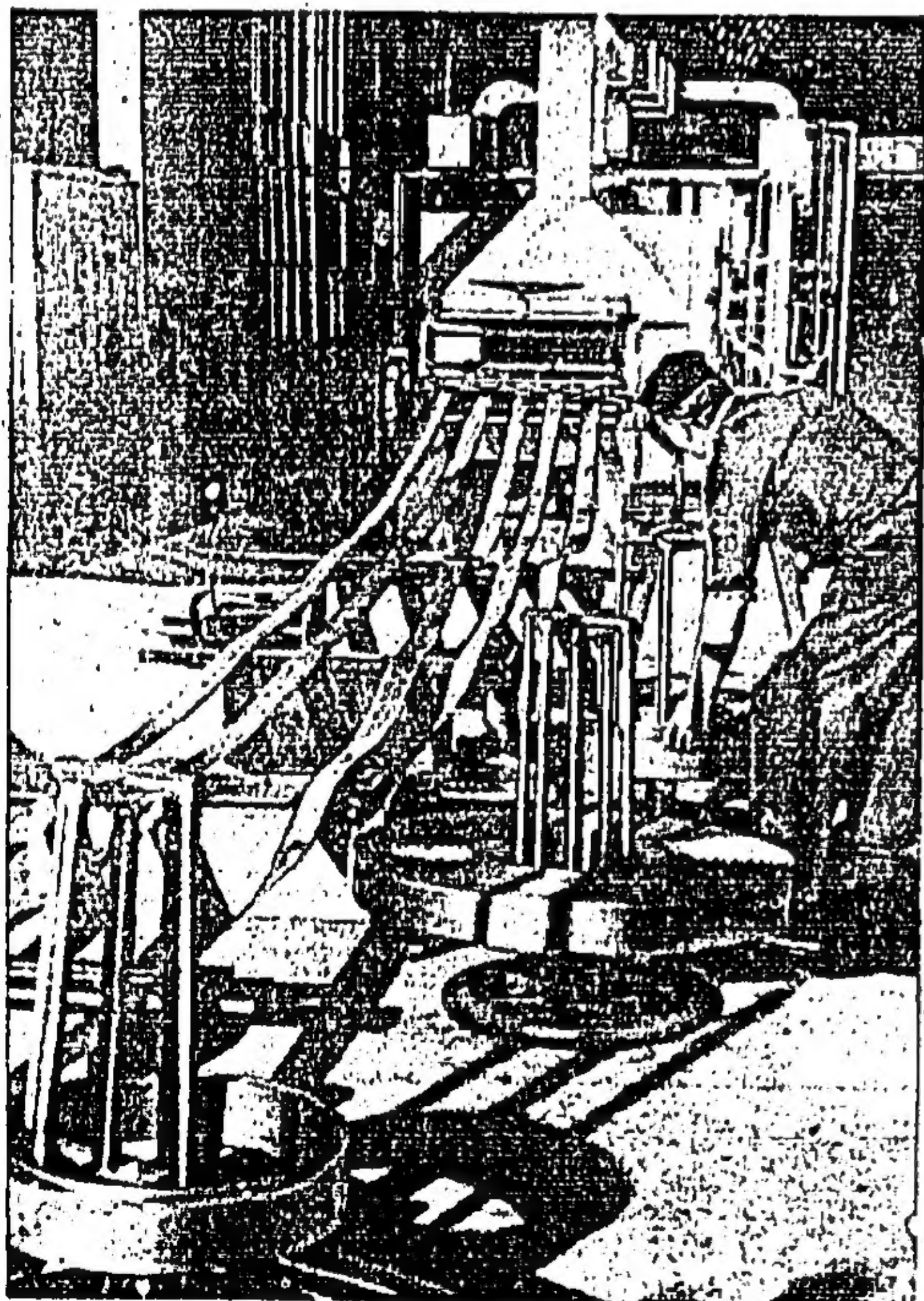
IN WESTERN GALILEE—A Czech girl prepares food while the men build wooden houses near Nahariya, northern seaside resort at the Syrian border. Western Galilee is becoming a permanent settlement comprised of 90 American and Canadian Jews plus 35 members of the Beth Haaravah settlement.



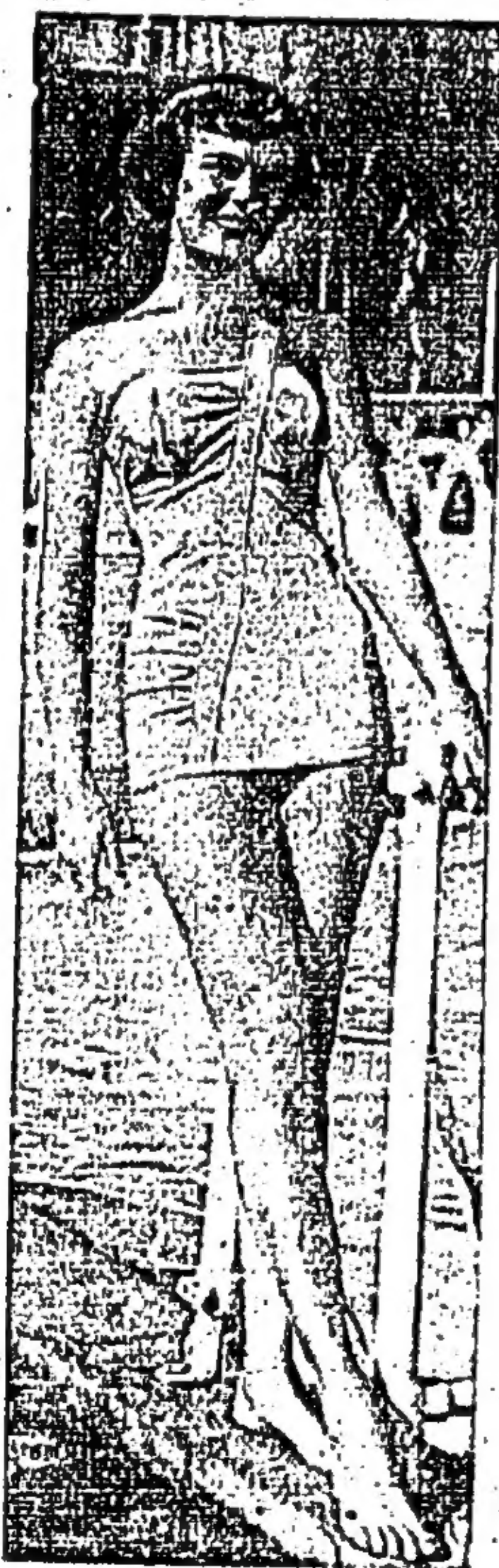
BIG LIFT—A Fleet Air Arm helicopter picks up a sailor from the deck of the aircraft carrier Vengeance off Portland, England. The demonstration was held to show how injured personnel or important papers could be transferred speedily at sea. The carrier has just returned from a cold weather cruise to the Arctic.



ATTRACTIVE SOLES—Joan Verney displays some of the latest "pin-pointed" footwear, which has designs on soles and heels, at London's Shoe and Leather Fair. Many buyers from Europe and Scandinavia attended the show.



RIBBONS OF STEEL—These long strands of glittering steel are moving through one of the new automatic, controlled-atmosphere, annealing furnaces at a steel works in Harrison, New Jersey. Precisely regulated heat in the gas-fired furnace gives flexibility to the metal.



FLORIDA BEAUTY—Pat Steckman basks in the Miami sunshine in a snug-fitting faillie swim suit with shoulder strap and lightly boned bra.



AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS—A new portable teleprinter is tested at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The instrument can be carried by a parachutist and goes into quick action over radio or wire circuits.

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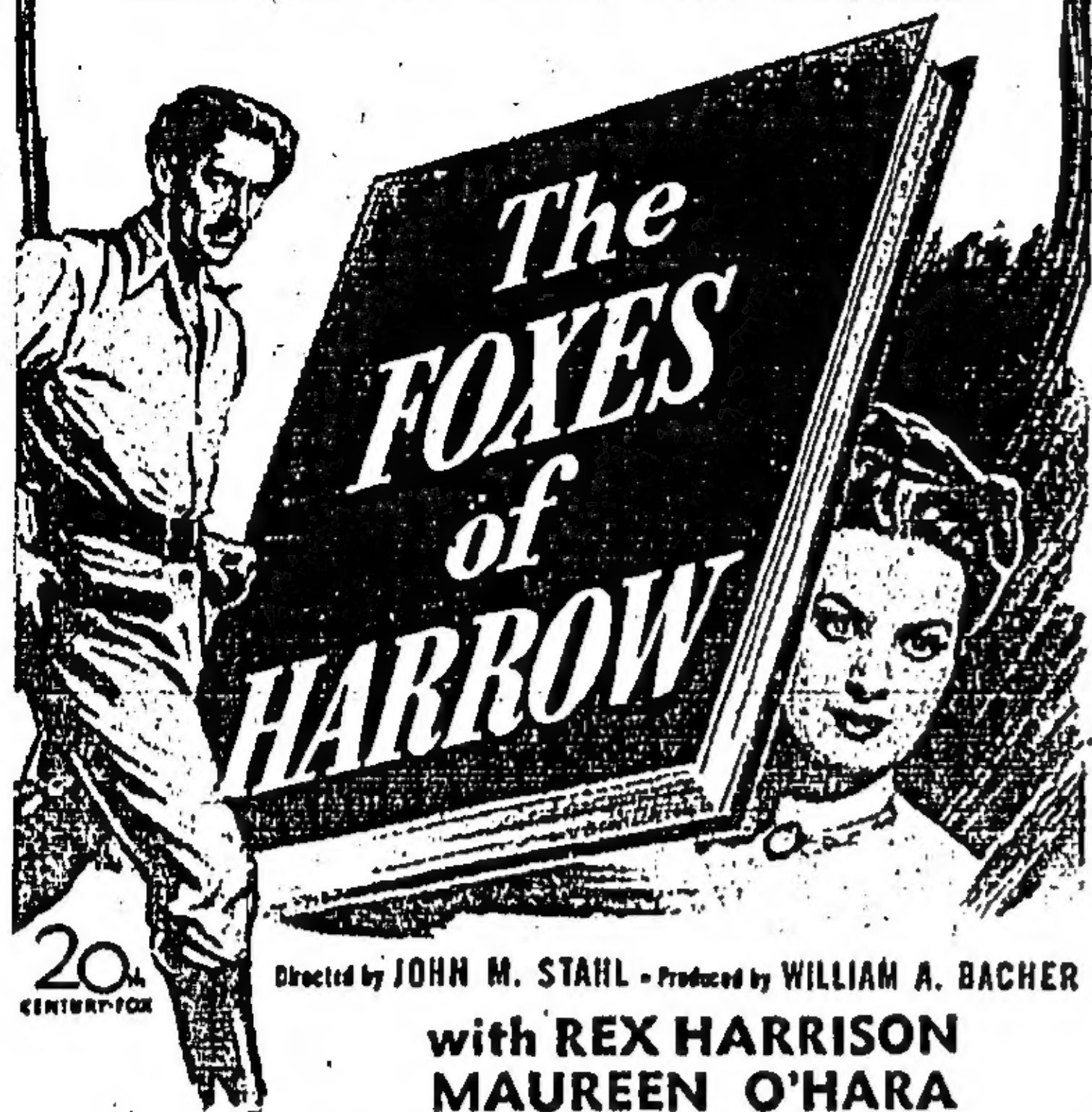


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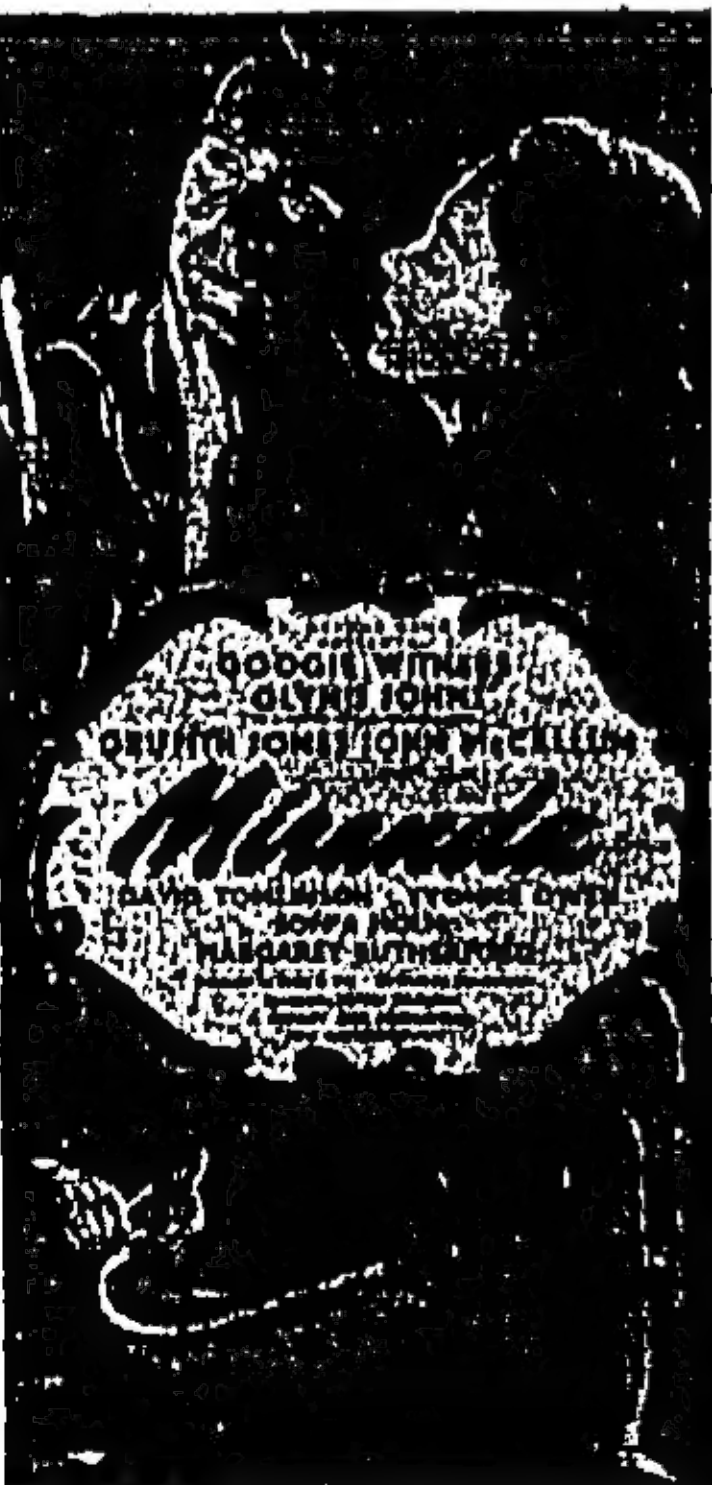
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THE RUSSIAN WIFE AND CHILD WHO GOT AWAY

WHAT sort of life does a pretty young woman live in Stalin's austere totalitarian paradise—can she be successfully feminine in the patchwork of squalor and splendour, gaiety and terror, the bizarre and the humdrum which the Communist State ordains for its subjects?

The answer seems to be yes, but only if she is wife or mistress to a favoured official, soldier or artist, or if she possesses quite exceptional vitality and charm to offset unlucky relationships.

No Politician

SUCH an exceptional personality was Tanya Svetlova, now wife of British correspondent, Ronald Matthews.

Tanya, more fortunate than the 15 Russian wives now forbidden by the Soviet Government to join their British husbands abroad, left Russia with Matthews and their baby son in 1944.

Her autobiography, up to that moment, has just been published under the title of "Russian Child and Russian Wife."

Tanya Matthews is no politician. Her book is free from propaganda and its fascinating because of its intense personal detail. This lively, brilliant woman set out to describe her adventures during the 25 years after 1919.

It is a galloping record of a life without silk stockings but rich with emotions (there is probably less about clothes than in any other autobiography by a woman).

"I Protest!"

TANYA, as a student, occupied with lectures and laboratory work all day, is three times "purged," three times reinstated:

"Once every three months there was a *chistka*—a purging in the ranks of the students of socially undesirable elements. At a meeting headed by a member of the *politbureau*—

the Institute's Political Nucleus—each student in turn had to get up and tell the gathering his autobiography, his social origin, and his latest marks in dialectical materialism.

"I was the black sheep of such meetings. My autobiography was very well received by the fellows from the Nucleus, but time and again I had to start 'My father was a doctor.'

"Who was your grandfather?" I was invariably asked.

"My grandfather was a priest, and a very good man, too."

"Put down 'clerical origin,' the chairman of the meeting would say to the secretary, whose duties were to take down the autobiographies of the students.

"I protest!"... but, though I protested at the first purge, at the two that followed I did not protest at all, because I knew the whole procedure by heart. I would be labelled 'one of the clergy,' 'undesirable element,' 'a stranger to the ideology.' They would not touch my marks in dialectical materialism, which were always excellent. They would simply cross my name off the students' list."

Secret Police

TANYA works for Americans installing oil-cracking plant in the Caucasus, falling in love with one of them. But she is summoned to the Secret Police Headquarters:

"I was facing a man with stooping shoulders, a broad, peasant face, and small, colourless eyes deeply set. He was sitting at a big desk on which some papers were neatly arranged. He held a pencil in his hand. 'Grazhdanka (citizeness) Svetlova? Sit down please,' said he, and pointed with his pencil at the chair opposite his desk. I felt strange—calm and self-possessed. I sat down.

"Tell me, the man continued in an even, unemotional voice, 'how you came in contact with foreigners. How did it happen that you worked for them and got paid in dollars?' continued the voice.

"It was not exactly work. They needed some help... to fill in the charts... It was a purely technical matter... And, after all, the seven dollars I got was not much..."

"Did they offer you any secret work?" he asked, but when he saw my bewildered expression he explained, 'Did they ask you to be their agent?'

"No, No," cried I, riot finding words to convince the man... your country? he went on. I

assured the man I did; that I studied with the idea of being a useful unit in our great country after my graduation.

"I don't mean it that sense," said the man. "Would you like to work for us?"

"How do you mean?" I asked, stupefied. The idea struck me as being something repulsive.

"Keep your ears open and report to us if you hear something unpatriotic," he said.

To escape the Secret Police assignment Tanya married Nick, a film cameraman, from whom she was later divorced, after bearing him a daughter.

human side of the Soviet hierarchy:

"The class distinctions of the Soviet society were rigidly delineated. The very top Kremlin rulers were called, among simple folk, the Royal Family. The Soviet Royal Family consisted of Stalin, his close associates, their wives and children. No one knew anything about the private lives of the Soviet Royal Family.

"Their children (apparently all of them had offspring) were educated in a closed Kremlin school. And when the time came for them to marry (children do grow quickly!) they married

live; they existed. Teachers, doctors, nurses, engineers, small officials, journalists, actors, scientists and thousands of other professions, all of them had one common lot—hard work and the pay just enough for bare existence. The intellectuals lived in communal rooms, rode in trams and subways, had no privilege to buy in closed shops."

This was the Communist world into which the German armies brought desolation, and to which they taught a spirit of fanaticism which is the biggest cause of Europe's sickness today.

Meanwhile, here is a glimpse of Tanya at an Intourist hotel in the Crimea:

"The glass restaurant had a well-trained staff of waiters, preserved since pre-revolutionary times, who looked after the exclusive clientele—members of the government, foreigners and sophisticated women.

"I had got so accustomed to see everywhere, in the streets, in trams, in shops, homes and theatres, the same dark, weary women—young and old, they all looked alike—this excitement, looking at these exquisite creatures. They were shining—shining with their burnished hair, with the red tips of their fingers and toes, with their expensive, well-cut clothes, with heavy jewellery... their well-made-up faces.

"Verochka, who are these women?" I whispered to Vera (my companion). We were having a walk and stopped at the iron-barred fence of the Intourist hotel, peeping through the bars inside.

"They are the wives or daughters of the People's Commissars or big police chiefs, or their mistresses—balletinas and actresses from the Moscow and Leningrad theatres," she said.

"How do they manage to be so well dressed?"

"They have special governmental shops where they get everything they want!"

The Classes

TANYA in Moscow during the last winter before Hitler attacked Russia, learning foreign languages, teaching and studying voraciously, noticing the

new Soviet intelligentsia, was a humble mass of hard-working people, the backbone of the country, shabby, overworked, tired people. They did not

know the class of intellectuals, or the class of the People's Commissars or big police chiefs, or their mistresses—balletinas and actresses from the Moscow and Leningrad theatres," she said.

"Then came the class of Pets. The Pets were quite a remarkable class, all of them were distinguished, decorated and titled. Distinguished artists, ballet dancers, painters, writers, composers, poets, scientists, flyers, miners (who stopped being miners after they became distinguished and got governmental jobs), women weavers (who also stopped weaving after they'd distinguished themselves).

"Within ten minutes everything was packed and my son wrapped up in a warm blanket. At the airport my passport was handed back to me by the Secret Police chief. The chief did not utter a word. Not a line in my passport had been changed.

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23 youngsters in the seats of the mighty

by A. J. McWHINNIE

WE are in an eighth-floor Westminster boardroom. London is at our feet. Only the highest rooftops are level with our eyes.

Britain's potential Cabinet Ministers of 1970 are in conference at Transport House—sitting in the very leather covered chairs occupied by Government leaders when Labour's National Executive meets.

Round the U-shaped inlaid walnut table where the Labour leaders of today make their vital decisions, the National Consultative Committee of the Labour League of Youth are conferring.

There are 23 of them. Their average age is 21. There are five clerks, a shorthand typist, two electricians, two Civil servants, a printer, five university students, an engineer and an engineering apprentice, a chartered accountant's apprentice, a mining engineer, a warehouseman, a girl art teacher, and a research chemist.

Among the subjects they are debating is their big rally at Bullin's Camp, Eiley, in September, a nation-wide recruitment drive in June with specially intensive efforts in the big industrial cities, and their application for affiliation to the International Union of Socialist Youth.

They make plans for exchange visits with young Socialists from other lands, and discuss a competition for the words of a League of Youth song to be set to the tune of a rousing marching melody in time for their Eiley rally.

Where Mr Attlee, the Prime Minister, sits at National Executive meetings, there today sits 17-year-old Brian Garratt, of Shotton, North Wales, the apprentice electrician—pianist and lover of classical music.

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Chairman of the Labour Party is kindly ex-miner Jim Griffiths, Minister of National Insurance. In his chair now is studious Jack Collins, 20-year-old Co-op clerk, of Belk Street, West Hartlepool—auburn-haired student of social science and already on the Labour Party panel of future municipal candidates.

Jack is presiding over the other 22 Labour Youth leaders from all parts of the country. He makes a good, firm chairman. He steers waffling debates with the insistent words, "We are wasting time, comrades. Keep to the point." He will go far.

But so will several others at this conference.

Constance Johnson, 19-year-old civil servant, of Walker Avenue, Kirkcaldy, Prestwich, Lancashire, pretty daughter of a Tory father, is one. She dislikes dancing, is a devotee of Dickens.

Jean Urquhart, 21-year-old shorthand typist, of West Heath Avenue, Grange Town, Sunderland, is also pretty. And she also dislikes dancing. She does not like the cinema much. But she is vitally interested in politics.

There is romance in the League of Youth. She is engaged to the secretary of the Paisley League.

Giant of the League is 6ft. 5in. Ken Peay, a clerk of Gloucester-road, Kingston, Surrey. He is 22, a great worker for Labour in the Southern region. He is engaged to the treasurer of his local party.

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Alan Woods, the 23-year-old warehouseman of New Walk, Leicester, was working on radar with the Navy for 3½ years. He is here representing the East Midlands region.

Among the five students is Humphrey Cole, of Cambridge, dark-tousled, balding, pipe-smoking 20-year-old in the wide-collared cream sweater. He is the son of G. D. H. Cole, noted economist and author.

This mining engineer is 21-year-old Gregor MacKenzie, of Albert Road, Langside, Glasgow, university graduate and one of the Labour candidates for Glasgow Council.

With him is Bruce Millan, of Kinloch-street, Dundee, the same age, apprenticed to a chartered accountant, interested in sociology, a League of Youth member for only three months. He was a soldier in Italy and Austria.

Then there is Donald Kinsey, of School Cottages, North Town, Taunton, amateur boxer son of a Liberal father.

Watch these youngsters. It is from them, and the thousands of other League of Youth members, that the vital energy and sparkle in electing will come.

Bombing, Hunger

TANYA, still in Moscow, underwent bombing and hunger. One day in 1942 she was called to the Hotel Metropole, headquarters of the foreign newspapermen. She was appointed secretary to Ronald Matthews. Eighteen months later, married, they flew from Moscow to Baku on the way out of Russia:

"Suddenly my way was blocked by the border official. He told me I was wanted at the Secret Police office. I was stunned. Ronald went with me. 'In a bright office the chief asked us to sit down, and said, pointing at me: 'You cannot proceed any further.'

"Why? I cried.

"Your passport is wrong, was his laconic reply.

"Show me what is wrong in it."

"I can't show you anything. I have a telegram from Moscow ordering me to hold you up."

"For how long?" I gasped.

"I don't know. I wait for my orders from Moscow."

"But I have a small baby!"

"I can't do anything for you. Your husband can leave on this plane."

No Alteration

"RONALD refused. The audience was over. We walked out of the office to see our plane take off.

"Three days later...there was a knock at the door and an interpreter informed us that we were allowed to leave. They were holding up the plane on the airfield and they wanted us to pack quickly.

"Within ten minutes everything was packed and my son wrapped up in a warm blanket. At the airport my passport was handed back to me by the Secret Police chief. The chief did not utter a word. Not a line in my passport had been changed.

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NANCY Depressing Outlook

By Ernie Bushmiller



More Evidence For Defence In PWD Trial

Continuing his evidence in his own defence at the Criminal Sessions this morning, Arthur Frederick May, 41, electrical inspector, grade I, told Mr Justice Williams and the jury that a suspense account which he had suggested had been approved by the Secretary of State but had never come into operation.

The purpose of the suspense account, he said, was to put the labour on the jobs against the account and then debit the cost. It would also give a very accurate distribution of labour on the jobs.

May explained that before he went on leave, when he was at the Wanchai workshop, there was an audit. Except for a few particulars it was quite satisfactory. As a result of that audit he recommended that a suspense account be put into operation.

His Lordship ruled that details of the suspense account were irrelevant and that it was not necessary to put the report before the jury.

May is on trial with Kwok Kwong, 47, foreman, on three charges of larceny by a servant of electrical equipment and three of falsification of documents with intent to defraud the Government.

Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr J. Johnston, ASP, is conducting the case for the prosecution while May is defended by Mr A.J. Clifford, instructed by Mr J.C. Stewart. Kwok is not legally represented.

Resuming his evidence this morning, May described the distribution board and said that it showed the distribution of labour throughout all the jobs in hand and was an indicator as to the progress of the work. It also indicated whether the job was being done fast or slow and whether the jobs were being done according to turn.

The board included workshop men, maintenance men and clerical staff. There were specific instructions for the foreman with regard to the board, he said. There was no need for an attendance book and he (May) had not known of the existence of one. It was introduced before he arrived at Hung Hom workshop and there was no place for it in his system, whatever.

"Before I went on leave when I was at Wanchai store," said May, "there was an audit and except for a few particulars it was quite satisfactory. As a result of that audit I recommended that a suspense account be put into operation."

"NOT RELEVANT."

When asked by Mr Clifford to give details of that account, his Lordship interrupted to say that details of this were not relevant to the case.

Mr Clifford: It was approved by the Secretary of State but it is not working.

His Lordship: I rule that details of this are not relevant.

Mr Clifford: Before your Lordship gives his ruling will your Lordship hear me?

His Lordship: Yes, Mr Clifford.

Mr Clifford explained that there were allegations at the workshop system at the time that May was in charge and he was suggesting that that was the suspense account. His submission was that May was all the time trying to tighten the system.

His Lordship: It never came into operation. The suspense account was suggested by May and it was sent home.

Mr Clifford: May did his very best.

Replying to his Counsel as to the purpose of the suspense account, May said that it was to put all labour on the jobs against the account and then debit the cost in order to get a very accurate distribution of labour on the jobs.

Mr Clifford then asked if he could produce May's report on this account but his Lordship ruled that it was not necessary to put the report before the members of the jury.

Mr Clifford: As your Lordship pleases.

Continuing, May said that without the suspense account the system he evolved did not appear to be very good, but with the suspense account it would be good.

"DRONES" LAID OFF

Mr Clifford then asked May about the laying-off of workmen and May replied that occasionally in the early days after the war they found that men were working very much slower than before the war and it was necessary to stand-off "drones."

He suggested that this should be done.

Mr Clifford: Did you also make a rule about workshop jobs?

May: They all had job numbers. Actually Hung Hom was not a workshop in the true sense of the word.

May read an instruction to foremen stating that no work was to be undertaken unless authorised. This was signed by Kwok Kwong, amongst others.

May said that up to the time he arrived at Hung Hom in March no inventory had been taken of the electrical installa-

PI Jewels Returned From Japan

Manila, Mar. 11.—Jewellery belonging to the families of Jose Laurel and Camillo Osias, which had been held in custody by SCAP headquarters in Tokyo since the end of the war, was formally returned to the owners by President Quirino yesterday.

Dr Laurel was President and Senator Osias Education Minister in the Philippine government during the Japanese occupation. They went to Japan during the American reconquest of the islands.

Both are candidates for Nationalist Party nomination for President this year.

Mrs Laurel said newspaper reports of the jewellery's value were exaggerated, but she did not estimate the true worth of her jewels.

Mrs Osias said, "My only regret is I have not been able to recover the old love letters my husband wrote me."

President Quirino has urged Philippine representatives in Japan to hasten transactions for the restoration of other Philippine property held by SCAP.—United Press.

to Lee Po-shan to carry out the duties of time-keeper. Lee would sign the daily labour distribution and job reports. May added that after his instructions he assumed that Lee was performing his duties as laid down, and that his instructions were being carried out.

The daily labour distribution returns were made each morning by a chargehand. They were then handed to the time-keeper who would make out the daily labour distribution and job reports and sign them. It was the foreman's job to retail men for jobs under a chargehand, and this was immediately noted on the distribution board.

The attendance chart was also entered up by the time-keeper, and it was his duty to check the attendance against the daily labour distribution and job reports submitted by the chargehands. When he received the reports the following morning, he then signed them, said May. He signed without looking at the date or the details contained in the reports, as it was a daily routine.

"SUFFICIENT CHECK"

May declared that he considered his system of labour distribution was a sufficient check in itself.

During the relevant period, he went on, he never visited the same job twice in one day unless it was very important. Besides making visits, he had other work to do, such as designing, and also the carrying out of inspections of all Government—electrical installations, or anything which had to do with the Electrical Office.

When on that work, he had little time to check jobs. It was also difficult to do so because there were also contractors' men at work, and unless he could identify his men, he did not know who they were.

Quoting the job at Kai Tak as an example, May said men were constantly being transferred from one job to another. A total of 92 men were applied to that job, but there were never more than 25 men working on any one day and the figures also fluctuated. It was therefore impossible to notice whether three or four men were missing from the job.

The trial is proceeding.

LOG SHEETS

Referring to the instructions to the office staff, May said he had found that the log sheets were not being kept. He went into the organisation and began a system similar to that in force in the Wanchai workshop.

He found that instead of one man doing the job of time-keeper, three were so employed. He thereupon gave instructions

Anna May Wong Returns



Anna May Wong, Chinese film actress making screen comeback, talks with two dwellers in San Francisco's Chinatown, near which her new picture is being filmed.—AP Picture.

Russia To Spend More On Her Armed Forces

20% BUDGET RISE

Moscow, March 10.—The Russian Finance Minister Mr. A. G. Zverev, told Parliament tonight that the Soviet Union plans to spend almost 20 per cent more on her armed forces this year than last year.

The new figure is 79,000,000,000 roubles—the equivalent of \$3,500,000,000 at the Russian official exchange rate.

Netherlands Blamed For NEI Unrest

Lake Success, Mar. 10.—The United States today strongly criticised the Dutch for their refusal to return the imprisoned Indonesian leaders to Jogjakarta, and told the United Nations the Dutch were to blame for continuation of guerrilla warfare in the rich East Indies.

Mr. Warren Austin, American delegate in the Security Council, solidly backed the Republic's stand that it could not accept the Dutch invitation to resume negotiations at the Hague while its leaders were prevented from resuming authority in their capital.

Mr. Austin spoke in reply to a statement by the Dutch representative, Dr. J. H. van Royen, that the return of the Indonesian President, Dr. Achmed Soekarno, and his colleagues to Jogjakarta "would lead only to disaster and chaos."

Dr. van Royen said the return of the Republic would bring "swift kidnapping in the night, the slashed throat, the stab in the back, the ambush on the lonely road and the mutilated body in the river bed."

He urged the Council to take his Government's new plan to transfer "sovereignty" to the United States of Indonesia by this summer, a year earlier than the July 1, 1950, deadline set by the Council resolution of January 28.

INDONESIAN CHARGE

Indonesia's representative, Mr. L. M. Palar, charged that the Dutch were trying to set up a so-called "sovereign" Indonesian federation, that would not be truly sovereign.

He added that the Indonesians would not close the door on acceptance of the invitation to attend the Hague conference, provided the Dutch changed their adamant stand against allowing the Indonesian leaders to return to Jogjakarta.

The day's only other speaker was Mr. Carlos Romulo, of the Philippines, who strongly supported the Indonesian position. Several speakers were still to be heard when the Council adjourned until Friday morning. India will be first at the next meeting.

Mr. Austin closed his speech by saying that the United States firmly believed that the Council's resolution of January 28 "represents a sound and practical basis for a just and lasting solution of the Indonesian question."

The resolution called for a cease-fire, return of the Indonesian leaders to Jogjakarta and transfer of sovereignty to the independent Republic of Indonesia by July 1, 1950.—United Press.

Britain To Stand By Transjordan

London, Mar. 10.—The British Government intended to carry out its treaty obligations under the Anglo-Transjordan treaty, the Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Philip Noel Baker, said in the House of Commons today.

He would not make a statement about the present position in the Transjordan port of Akaba, where British troops are stationed.

The Minister made his statement during question time, when he told the House that the British Government had informed the Commonwealth Governments of its decision to send a force to Akaba.

They were told that this had been done in response to the request of the Transjordan Government, made under the terms of the British treaty with Transjordan, which gives the Arab State the right to call for military assistance.

"As the other Commonwealth Governments are not parties to this treaty, no question of involving them to participate arose," he added.

Lord Winterston, Conservative, asked if the Minister would make it perfectly clear that Britain intended to carry out her treaty obligations "whatever the opposition may be from those who have racial affiliations with Israel."

Mr. Noel Baker: "It is quite plain that the British Government do intend to carry out their treaty obligations."

Captain Harry Crookshank asked if the Minister could make any statement in view of the "rather alarming statements in some newspapers today."

Mr. Noel Baker replied: "I think I had better not do that. I had better leave it to the Foreign Minister."—Reuter.

BUNCHE'S WARNING

Rhodes, Mar. 10.—Dr. Ralph Bunche, the acting United Nations mediator for Palestine, tonight warned Israel and Transjordan that he would charge them with a breach of the Security Council's cease fire resolutions if either side carried on military activities in the Akaba area of Southern Palestine.

Dr. Bunche's warning followed complaints by Transjordan of Jewish land and air activities inside Arab Legion territory in the area north of the Red Sea, where the frontiers of Transjordan and Palestine meet.

Transjordan charged that Jewish troops, equipped with jeeps and armoured vehicles, had penetrated to within 33 kilometres of the town of Akaba.—Reuter.

Tough Time For Troops

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"In such circumstances, a very high state of efficiency in the use of weapons, in physical fitness and personal courage is necessary. The living conditions for our troops, even when not in action, are not as satisfactory as I should like, although every attempt is being made to improve them."

"When they are in action, the conditions are, I am advised, as bad as can be experienced anywhere. Nevertheless, in the face of all these difficulties, our troops are performing their part with great vigour."

Asking the House to vote £304,700,000 for the Army for the coming year—compared with £360 million (including supplementary request for £35 million) for the current year, Mr. Shinwell said that the need of the other Western Union countries for equipment to train their forces is so urgent that Britain may have to draw substantially on her own reserves.

Britain has already offered certain types of equipment surplus to her immediate needs, he added.—Reuter.

Radio Hongkong

12.15 Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father R. W. Gallagher, S.J. (Studio); 12.30 Light Variety; 1.15 Summary; 1.30 Light Variety; 1.45 News; Weather Report and 1.50. Music for You; 2. Close Down; Variety Band; 2.30 The Story of Children's Half Hour; The story of Music in England during the last four hundred years. Written by Hugh Kirby (Studio); 3.15 A Concert by the Pupils of Maryknoll Convent (Studio); 3.30 The Man in the Moon; 3.45 The Man in the Moon; 3.55 The Man in the Moon; 4.00 The Man in the Moon; 4.15 The Man in the Moon; 4.30 The Man in the Moon; 4.45 The Man in the Moon; 4.55 The Man in the Moon; 5.00 The Man in the Moon; 5.15 The Man in the Moon; 5.30 The Man in the Moon; 5.45 The Man in the Moon; 5.55 The Man in the Moon; 6.00 The Man in the Moon; 6.15 The Man in the Moon; 6.30 The Man in the Moon; 6.45 The Man in the Moon; 6.55 The Man in the Moon; 7.00 The Man in the Moon; 7.15 The Man in the Moon; 7.30 The Man in the Moon; 7.45 The Man in the Moon; 7.55 The Man in the Moon; 8.00 The Man in the Moon; 8.15 The Man in the Moon; 8.30 The Man in the Moon; 8.45 The Man in the Moon; 8.55 The Man in the Moon; 9.00 The Man in the Moon; 9.15 The Man in the Moon; 9.30 The Man in the Moon; 9.45 The Man in the Moon; 9.55 The Man in the Moon; 10.00 The Man in the Moon; 10.15 The Man in the Moon; 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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

MCKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Counting Tricks In Advance Pays Off

BY WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

MY best wishes go to U. A. Sanabria and A. J. Cole of the Central Schools Association, Chicago, Ill. Their school and others belonging to the Central Schools Association contributed \$1,000,000 worth of scholarships to US war orphans.

Bridge players of the US started War Orphans Scholarships, Inc., and now the generous co-operation of or-phanists like the Central Schools Association assures our war orphans of an education.

It is remarkable how complicated a thing can look when we have little or no knowledge of the subject. At the American Television Institute in Chicago, which is operated by Mr.

Sanabria and Mr. Cole, I looked with complete bewilderment at the television sets that the students were building.

It seemed funny when Mr. Cole said to me, "You can learn contract bidding pretty well by trying to learn how to do you master the play of the cards." Here was a master mind of television acknowledging that the play of a hand in contract is complicated. Well, it is not complicated unless you make it so, and today's hand demonstrates that. To count a hand down seems difficult to the average player. But when East showed out on the second round of diamonds, and West followed to three rounds of hearts and three rounds of clubs, it simply meant that West could have only one spade.

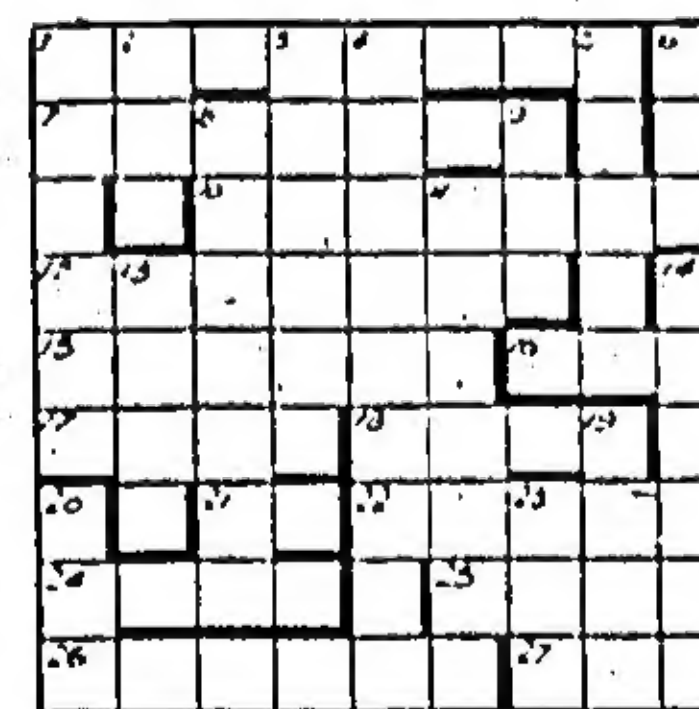
Therefore, South did not have to guess the spade. By counting the hand down, he knew that all he had to do was to lead a small spade to the king, and then take the spade finesse for the needed 12th trick.

Check Your Knowledge

1. Name the first woman to swim the English Channel.
2. Is there a walled city in North America?
3. What has been called the corner-stone of American foreign policy?
4. What is a typographer?
5. What is the softest kind of water?
6. How many lines are there in a sonnet?

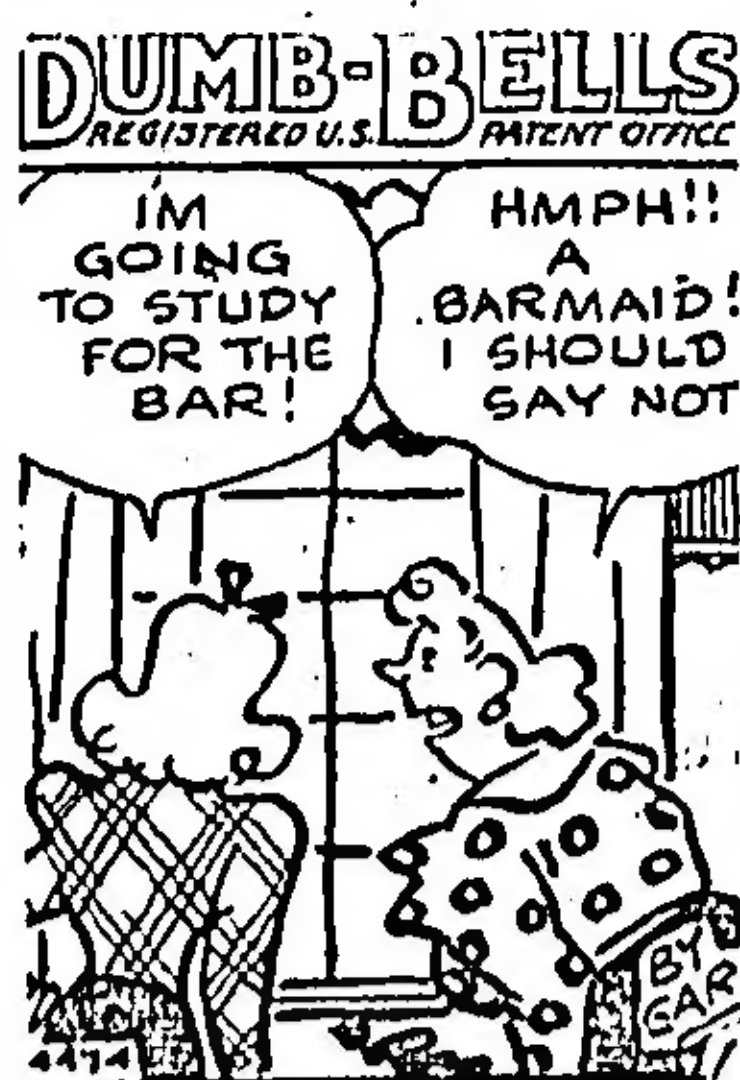
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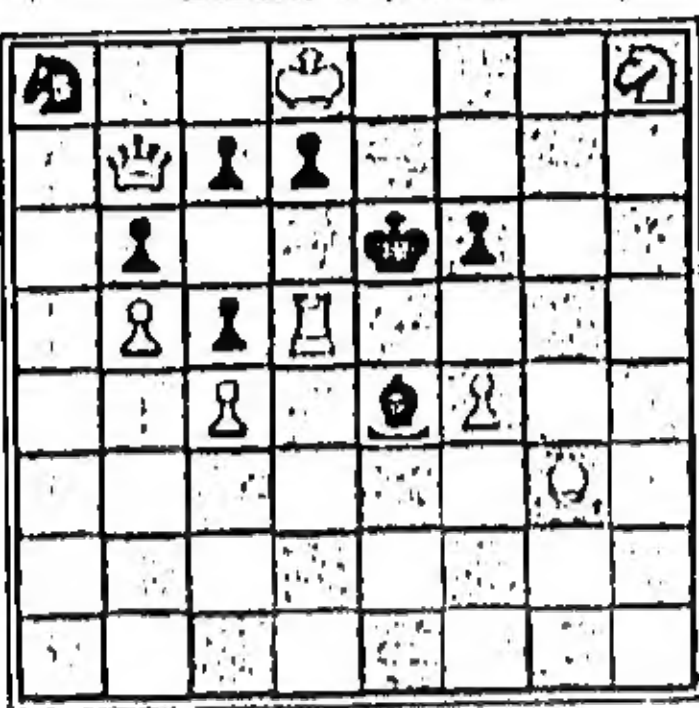
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CHESSE PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY
Black, 8 pieces.



White to play and mate in two.
Solution to yesterday's problem:
1. N-Q4, any; 2. Q, R, or B (dbl ch) mates.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

How Knarf Learned to Skate

—Hans Brinker Taught Him One Night—

By MAX TRELL

IT was cold enough to freeze the pond, and all afternoon the children from far and wide were skating on the ice. Such laughter, such screaming, such shouting, came from the pond. No one had heard the likes since the last time the pond was frozen, a good twelve months ago.

Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, were down at the pond skating with the children. Only poor Knarf had no fun at all. He couldn't skate.

"And who's ever going to teach me?" Knarf said to his sister Hanid. Later that night, after every one else in the house had gone to bed.

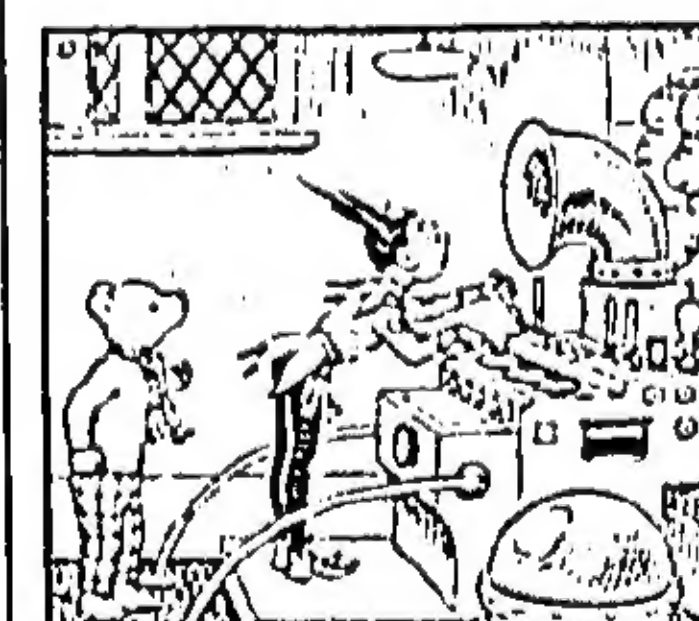
Learn the Way

Hanid said: "You just have to learn the way everyone else does by trying as hard as you can, and by standing up again every time you fall down."

"That will take too long," Knarf grumbled. "The children are going skating again tomorrow. Isn't there any way I can learn how to skate before then?"

Hanid began to shake her head. Suddenly, Mr. Punch, who was sitting in his rocker on the other side of the room, coughed loudly and said: "I think I know someone who could teach Knarf to ice-skate this very night."

Rupert's Elfin Bell—32



When Rupert has given his message, the small elf returns hurriedly to fetch Bill, while the Leader goes across to a strange instrument full of handles and wires and buttons and switches. He works a number of these and listens carefully, but no sound comes from the great funnel on top. "You're right, little bear," he says, gravely. "There is something seriously wrong at Nuvwood. I can't get any report at all on what is happening there. I'm very grateful to you for coming here."

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UNUSUAL ANGLES

ANIMALS UNDERSTAND HUMAN SPEECH

NOT only dogs but many animals understand words, in the opinion of Dr. Gustav Eckstein, associate professor of physiology at the University of Cincinnati.

The animals catch the meaning of words in the same way that man does, through symbolism and association, the noted author and expert on animal psychology said. They can also communicate with one another, although not in words.

"There may be forms of communication between living things that go much further down the biological scale than we recognize or suspect," he declared.

"Certainly in the creatures with the highly organized nervous systems, at least, we know that the ways of communication are always rich and subtle."

Even Birds Understand

Even bird brains, Dr. Eckstein believes, are capable of changing man's words into symbols and thus understanding them. A dog definitely can, according to Dr. Eckstein, and a chimpanzee, contrary to popular belief, isn't too far ahead of the dog in that respect.

Using illustrations from his observations of pigeons, Dr. Eckstein explained the differences of communication between

animals and man, "between the levels," and between animal and animal, "within the level."

"One of my pigeons communicates one way with pigeons," he explained, "and another way with me."

The pigeon, named Red by Dr. Eckstein, for eight years had never missed sleeping at night within a glass-walled coop built into the laboratory and connecting via a window with the outside.

"The whole body spoke—to me," he said. "He sent tremors down his tail."

After the bird had been let in he scurried up the pigeon ladder, stopping on sleeping feet and heads on the way until he got to his mate, Whitey, who was dozing.

"He waked her," Dr. Eckstein said, "and they walked back and forth on the ramp. He cooed, bowed, danced. His whole behaviour spoke—to her, not me, that time."

Although imitation is an active process among pigeons, Dr. Eckstein said, intelligence differences between the birds are great and some birds cannot learn, over a period of years, a behaviour pattern perfected by one of the more intelligent birds.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

- Answers
1. Gertrude Ederle. 2. Yes; in Quebec, Canada. 3. The Monroe Doctrine. 4. A printer. 5. Rain water or melted snow. 6. Fourteen.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

BORN today, you are one of those who are always busy at something. If there is a big job to do, you will go at it with fervor and enthusiasm. But if there is something routine or insignificant to take care of, you will be just as conscientious.

This talent is bound to advance you in business eventually. The progress will be slow—but once success comes to you it will be sure! You are, however, apt to be a little critical of those who differ with your points of view. If things don't turn out as expected—and someone didn't follow your advice—you have no sympathy. You are the original "I told you so" and if you don't watch out, you may become a little hard to take. Be more considerate of others. If you are to be well-liked, you are good at arranging social occasions. If a man, you

will usually be head of the Entertainment Committee—and women are inveterate "joiners" and like to run things.

You are more of a stay-at-home than some others of your sign, and this travelling you do is likely to be in your younger years. Once you have a home of your own, you will want to settle down, enjoy it and talk about the journeys you have made in the past.

Normally you have an even temperament and are slow to anger, but those who cross you need to watch out once your wrath is aroused. You can be as bitter an enemy as you can be a loyal friend.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Problems there may be today—small ones—but don't let them dismay you. Patience will win out now.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—All shipping interests are favoured—especially all the employees in this field.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Definitely a poor day. Just sit back and let the rest of the world go by. The less you do, the less trouble!

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—Those working in the entertainment and restaurant trades are more favoured than others right now.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—The arts and literature are high-lighted at present. If your work is in these fields, you will prosper.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be careful if you have to put something in writing. Avoid personal promises or business complications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Postpone signing important papers if you can until a better day. Make plans; don't execute them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Follow your intuitions and you won't go far wrong. Be careful, but make moderate progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Don't be overenthusiastic, but if you work things out carefully, you can make minor gains now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—You of the fair sex can have things pretty much your own way today if you plan operations skillfully.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Intuitions pay off right now. Employees are well-favoured, so ask for that promised raise.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

Phoebe: Listen! I thought I heard a wild note from his corner.

Mrs. Hirst: Yes! He must have run out of fig pudding.

(ENTER Prebendary Falkner. He goes out again.)

Phoebe: Musical! At last! After all this fig pudding. (She sobs with relief. Frightful discords are heard.)

Leonard: (brusquely): It's playing's worse than his fig pudding.

(ENTER a man with a sack.)

Phoebe: Ah! The fig pudding we ordered. Take it in to him, my man. Tell him to stuff his corner with it.

(Presently the familiar smack of fig pudding against walls is heard.)

Twenty Years of Uproar

In one or two of the simpler songs she over-emphasized. It was acting rather than singing. (Music critic.)

I REMEMBER an occasion when Clamgummi, was singing a Cuban hunting-hunt in the Opera House in Verona. Many English tourists were present, and to make them feel at home she clapped a bowler on her head and flicked her ample haunches with an imaginary whip. It was at this concert that a boy got his head stuck between the wires of the harp. The fire brigade was sent for, but when the curtain was raised again Clamgummi was hanging on to it. The firemen spread out a thick blanket, and she jumped, and went right through the blanket and through the stage into a cellar used for dustbins.

In the news

FOOD police raided a restaurant one night and took the name of the cook, who had incorporated an unknown quantity of post-office blotting-paper in a dish popularly known as curried beetroot pudding.

More South African Restrictions

Capetown, Mar. 10.—The South African Treasury today announced a "drastic curtailment" of all transfers of funds to non-sterling countries.

The announcement said: "As a result of the heavy drain on the Union's gold reserves, the Treasury has been compelled to curtail drastically all transfers of funds to non-sterling countries. Remittances to the services of dance bands, musicians, singers, boxers, wrestlers and other persons for entertainment purposes in the Union are also being restricted."

Only a week ago, a list of restricted imports, many of them exported from Britain, was announced under the Union's austerity programme to stop the outflow of sterling assets.

It included motorcars, gramophones and radios. Cars costing over 2,500 and radios priced at more than £15 were barred altogether.—Reuter.

US Support For Jap Unions Urged

New York, Mar. 10.—The newspaper "The Nation" today said that official complacency in State Department reports and the publicity of American representatives who find it easy to renew their old-time connections with Zaibatsu firms should not obscure the new productive elements which need support in post-war Japan.

The paper pointed out that Japanese trade unions have attained a membership of 6,000,000 and added that "American trade unionists should give the free trade unions of Japan the help and support they deserve."

"There should be an exchange of delegations as well as a permanent consultant service to help Japanese unions play an important role in the New Japan."

"Re-introduction of free enterprise in Japan will be dangerous if mother companies of the United States return to the menace of social gains made in that country during the first years of SCAP."

The paper continued: "We should not be content with information from journalists who always start with the assumption that General MacArthur must be wrong."

"In effect and too often their criticism gives aid and comfort to the Stalinist forces in Japan. Japan cannot be used merely as an anti-Soviet bastion—the United States can play the part of wise teachers in helping a new Japan to grow."—United Press.

NY FOREIGN EXCHANGE

| Closing rates March 10. | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Argentine Peso (official) | US\$0.2077 |
| Australian P.S. (Unofficial) | 2.003 |
| Belgium (official) | 3.23-24 |
| Canada (official) | 0.660 |
| France (official) | 0.228-29 |
| India (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Italy (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Japan (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Latin America (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Portugal (official) | 0.228-29 |
| South Africa (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Sweden (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Switzerland (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Uruguay (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Venezuela (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Yugoslavia (official) | 0.228-29 |
| Other (official) | 0.228-29 |

—United Press.

New York Metals

New York, Mar. 10.—The following prices were quoted in the metals market here today:

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Iron Ore (516 per cent iron) | 23 1/2 |
| Lake Superior, per short ton | 18.20 |
| Copper (Electrolytic) | 33.10 |
| Aluminum (99.99 percent) | 18.20 |
| Lead (99.99 percent) | 18.20 |
| Zinc (99.99 percent) | 18.20 |
| Nickel (99.99 percent) | 18.20 |
| Other (99.99 percent) | 18.20 |

—United Press.

NY Seeds And Oils

| Closing Prices March 10. | |
|---|-------------------|
| Castor Seed, per long ton, F.O.B. Brazil | US\$10.00 nominal |
| Cotton Seed, per long ton, F.O.B. Memphis | 00 |
| Flax Seed, per bushel, F.O.B. Minneapolis | 6 |
| Lined Oil, per lb. in tank cars, F.O.B. New York | 37.6 cents |
| Peanut Oil, per lb. in tank cars, F.O.B. New York | 18 1/2 |
| Other (99.99 percent) | 18 1/2 |

—United Press.

Attempt To Reach International Cotton Agreement

Washington, Mar. 10.—Cotton exporting and importing nations will meet soon to try to reach an agreement aimed at stabilising cotton prices.

Such an agreement would be modelled on the one which an international conference is seeking to negotiate here for wheat.

The cotton meeting will be held in Belgium on April 25-26. It is being called by the International Cotton Advisory Council, an inter-governmental agency which has been struggling with world prices and market problems since before the war.

The United States has been a major factor in the move to get an agreement.

The idea is to divide world markets of both wheat and cotton among exporting countries on a basis which would assure each its fair share of exports at prices fair to both producers and consumers.

U.S. ARMS TO GO TO CONGRESS

Designed To Assist European Countries

Washington, Mar. 10.—The State Department spokesman, Mr. Michael McDermott, said today that the European arms aid programme would be sent to Congress at nearly the same time as the proposed North Atlantic alliance—about the first week in April. He said the programme would include proposed aid for the Western European nations, Iran, Greece, Turkey, the Philippines and Latin America. He added that he did not know whether China and Korea would be included.

Mr. McDermott said the programme would stress the necessity for self-help on the part of the recipient nations, but that it was impossible as yet to estimate its full cost.

"Unity" Appeal To French

Country Cannot Stay Isolated

Paris, Mar. 10.—The President of the Republic, M. Vincent Auriol, today called for the "unity of all Frenchmen," and said France could not remain isolated and unarmed while others formed armed groups.

Addressing provincial newspapers, he appealed to them to help the country avoid a "vision of the French people into those who want peace and those who, it is said, want war."

France, he said, would never sign anything but pacts of an exclusively defensive type in accordance with the principles and within the framework provided under the United Nations Charter.

"We shall not threaten the freedom of any people, but neither shall we ever let others weaken us by disturbing our economy, dividing the nation and hindering our reconstruction."

LEADERS' DUTY

France did not believe in the inevitability of war, but with the world still in arms, the allies of yesterday divided, and the United Nations Organisation paralysed by mistrust and fear, the French people would never forgive their leaders for being blind, isolated and passive, he added.

Speaking of Marshall aid to Europe and of the British-French-Belgian proposal for a European Union, M. Auriol said: "Nobody was excluded except those who had excluded themselves."

The Western countries would welcome a frank discussion with the leaders of the countries whose interests might seem to be in opposition, and above all any practical and serious peace proposal, any act likely to banish mistrust.—Reuter.

World Food Outlook "Not So Good"

Manila, Mar. 11.—Mr. Norris E. Dodd, Director General of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, said today that the world food outlook was "not so good."

Mr. Dodd arrived here by plane from Bangkok, where he attended the opening sessions of the International Rice Commission.

The Director, who has toured European and Asian countries, said there were "few exceptions" to the generally dark food picture. Most countries lacked food reserves to carry them through emergencies, and the Philippines being possible exceptions to this group.

Mr. Dodd is expected to leave for Hongkong on Sunday after studying the Philippine food situation. He plans to visit Shanghai and Tokyo, and possibly Australia, before returning to the United States.—United Press.

He explained that, while it was true the self-help concept in the pact implied that all members should contribute something to the pact organisation, the amount and nature of the United States' contribution would be determined by Congress.

Representatives of the national military establishments, the ECA and State Department have been working on a draft programme. Mr. McDermott also indicated that the United States would deny the Russian request for the return of the property reparation commission to the United States zone of Germany. He said there was no reason for the presence in the U.S. Zone of Soviet representatives for that purpose since the programme was virtually completed.

MISLEADING COMMENTS
He said there had been "references" to an arms programme during recent meetings between the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, and the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Ernest Gross, who heads the committee, comprising the ECA, State and Defence Departments, charged with preparing the proposed legislation.

However, he added that recent comments regarding the placing of a "price tag" on the pact were misleading in that the North Atlantic alliance was an "instrument which stands on its own feet."

He said the pact did not depend on military assistance legislation. Mr. McDermott quoted from an article appearing in the newspaper Washington Post on March 8, which said partly that the pact "will prohibit our intention to resist aggression and combine with friendly nations in the process. It is not something with a dollar price tag on it."

Asked why the ECA was represented on the committee drafting the aid programme, Mr. McDermott said the ECA was very interested in the economic recovery of Europe and the arms programme was not intended to interfere with the economic programme.—United Press.

SYRIA'S 'NO' TO INVITATION

Beirut, Mar. 10.—Informed quarters today indicated that Syria had refused the invitation of the acting UN Palestine mediator, Dr. Ralph Bunche, to enter into armistice negotiations with Israel.

They said a member of Dr. Bunche's staff left Damascus en route to Rhodes with the Syrian answer.—United Press.

AID PROGRAMME



PATHOLOGIST SIMPSON AT WORK

An empty drum, a handcart, cardboard boxes, make up the background as secretary, Jean Dunn takes notes of the Home Office pathologist's discoveries in a builder's yard at Crawley, one sequel to Scotland Yard's hunt for Mrs. Durand-Deacon, a missing woman, who is believed to have been murdered and her remains dissolved in an acid bath.

Britain And Turkey Discuss Defence Pact

London, Mar. 10.—Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, was believed to have discussed regional defence arrangements with the Turkish Ambassador, Mr. Cevat Acikalin, at the Foreign Office today.

Observers thought that their interview would cover:

- 1.—Reported Soviet moves in Ankara, and Turkey's attitude to membership of a possible Mediterranean regional defence pact.
- 2.—The issue of a declaration concerning Turkey, Greece and Iran by the United States, Britain and France on the occasion of the signing of the Atlantic Union.

NEED FOR POLICY
It has been common knowledge that the question of some Western declaration of policy covering Turkey and Greece—both of whom receive American aid—and possibly Iran, to coincide with the signing of the Atlantic Union, has been under consideration.

The exclusion of Turkey from the powers taking part in the forthcoming London talks on setting up a European Council may also have been discussed.

The Turkish Foreign Minister, Mr. Necmeddin Sadak, told Reuter in London recently that he had hoped the fact that the Brussels treaty powers, in their initiative for closer European unity, had invited only the Western European powers to discuss the creation of a European Council did not mean that a new division would be created in Europe already split by the Iron Curtain.

The invitations to Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Italy and Greece on Monday to attend the London talks on the proposed

Dr. Van Royen said: "I have telephoned our Foreign Minister at the Hague and he advised me the reports are not true."

He said he will explain to the Security Council later today why he thinks it would be unwise and even impossible to restore the Indonesian Government.

His address is expected to outline a Netherlands plan for granting independence to Indonesia.—Associated Press.

Senator May Be Suspended

Manila, Mar. 11.—The Philippine Senate Committee which found Jose Avellano guilty of illegal financial transactions and other illicit practices indicated that it might recommend the suspension from the Senate and criminal prosecution of the ousted Senate President.

Senator Avellano said in a statement that he was not surprised at the Committee's action, adding, "As everybody knows, my political enemies acted in this case as my investigators, my prosecutors, my judges. It is further reported that now they propose to act as my 'executors'."—United Press.

POCKET CARTOON



U.S. Delegates Walk Out In Protest

Gen. Hodge Insulted

Lake Success, Mar. 10.—United States delegates to the United Nations Economic and Social Council walked out on Thursday in protest against a verbal attack by Poland on Lieut. Gen. John Hodge, former occupation commander in Korea.

The delegate, Mr. Leroy Slinebower, left the Council when the president, Mr. James Thorn of New Zealand, did not stop a tirade by the Polish delegate, Juliusz Katsuchy. Mr. Slinebower told a reporter that Katsuchy insulted General Hodge by calling him the "gauleiter" of Korea.

Slinebower went to the delegates' lounge and reported to Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. William Thorpe, who was talking with another delegate. Mr. Thorpe is the chief U.S. delegate in that Council.—Associated Press.

British Cabinet Approves Pact

London, Mar. 10.—The British Cabinet, today formally approved the final draft of the Atlantic Pact, a source close to the Government reported.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, personally laid the draft before the British leaders.

The informant could not say immediately whether the Cabinet framed any comments or suggestions on the alliance for transmission to Washington.—Associated Press.

Dancer Acquitted

Hollywood, Mar. 10.—A jury of eight men and four women took only one hour and seven minutes to acquit dancer Vickie Evans of conspiracy to possess marijuana.

The blonde dancer was the only one of four persons arrested at the hillside home she occupied with starlet Lila Leeds to win acquittal on dope charges. Film star Robert Mitchell, Lila Leeds and a real estate man were all convicted.—United Press.

ACID BATH MURDER HUNT AT CRAWLEY

50 Senators Demand Aid For China

DENOUNCE TRUMAN'S POLICY

Washington, Mar. 10.—Fifty Senators today denounced the Administration's "stop, look and listen" policy in China and called for early action on the bill authorising \$1,500,000,000 in new military and civilian aid to China's hard-pressed Nationalist Government.

The group, including 25 Democrats and 25 Republicans, urged Senator Tom Connally, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to take the lead in the struggle. Its appeal came only a week, after Secretary of State Dean Acheson urged Congress to "go slow" on the China policy on the grounds that the situation there was unstable to permit a hard and fast decision.

But the Senators, in perhaps the strongest bi-partisan protest against the policy, said in a joint letter to Senator Connally: "The threatened Communist domination of all of Asia cannot, with any due regard for our national security, be ignored. To delay affirmative action or decision, to delay such action when confronted with a problem of such magnitude and such far-reaching ramifications and such urgency is most unwise."

SUPPORT FOR BILL
They threw their support behind the bill by Senator Pat McCarran which would provide the Nationalist Government with up to \$700,000,000 in military aid, \$300,000,000 in civilian relief and assistance and \$500,000,000 for currency stabilisation.

Senator Connally said the letter would be referred to the committee probably on Friday for consideration.

Senator McCarran told newsmen that he had circulated the letter among the Senators for signatures and stopped when more than half of the 96 members signed up.

The letter is a strong bid for Senator Connally to order hearings by his committee on Senator McCarran's proposal.

Two signers, William Fulbright and Alexander Wiley, are Committee members.

The Senators told Senator Connally that the U.S. cannot afford to "temporarily" on the problem arising from Communist successes in China. They wrote, "The policy of defeatism or passive attitude, and of false resignation when democracy is in the balance is not in keeping with the best American tradition."

SHOULD TAKE LEAD

They said the Congress should take the lead in establishing a forthright and affirmative policy. They added, "This certainly is not a matter—It indeed there can be such a matter—in which the Congress must await some request from the executive branch of the government before it can proceed. On the contrary, this is a matter in which the Congress has the highest obligation to speak and to make its voice heard."

As a result of the letter, it appears probable that the issue of Far Eastern military assistance will be brought to the Senate's attention, at least as soon as members are asked to authorize military shipments to the North Atlantic security pact countries and other nations.—United Press.

Shostakovich Seeking Visa To Visit U.S.

Moscow, Mar. 10.—The American Embassy said today that Dmitri Shostakovich, the composer, has applied for a visa to visit the United States.

The composer and five other well-known Soviet artists will be guests at the National Council of Arts' Cultural and Scientific Conference for world peace scheduled for March 25-27 in New York at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Others also applying for visas include:

Alexander Fadeyev, author of "Young Guard" and General Secretary of the Union of Soviet Writers.

Sergei Gerassimov, film producer.

Peter Pavlento, film director and novelist (he won the Stalin prize for his novel, "Happiness").

Mikhail Chlaurell.

The written requests for the American visas will probably be acted upon favourably and very soon, an officer at the American consular section of the Embassy said.

To be in New York in time for the opening of session the Russians will probably fly.—Associated Press.

Hunting Bill Withdrawn

London, Mar. 10.—A Private Member's Bill to prohibit the traditional sport of fox hunting was withdrawn in the House of Commons today after a Government assurance that a committee would be set up to inquire into cruelty to wild animals.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Premier, said the Government thought a case existed for investigation by a suitable committee.

The bill, which had led to considerable controversy in the press, was accordingly withdrawn.—Reuter.

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